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LETTER DATED 12 OCTOBER 1993 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you that on 10 October at 0700 hours, after massive shelling, units of the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia, supported by large numbers of armoured vehicles, launched an offensive in the Djebrail district of the Azerbaijani Republic. Attempts were made to capture the villages of Safarja and Guijak, as well as the strategic heights surrounding them.

Beginning at 1400 hours on 12 October, the offensive was resumed, this time in the direction of the villages of Sheibey, Nuzgyar and Fyrchan. These settlements have already been captured. There has been considerable destruction and many casualties among the civilian population. According to reports, this operation is being carried out under the direct leadership of the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Armenia, S. Sarkisyan.

The Republic of Armenia is so confident that it can act with impunity and without restraint that it continues to commit aggression and to capture new Azerbaijani territory. And this is happening just when the Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), M. Mossberg, is in the area of conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan conducting intensive consultations with the aim of revising an "Adjusted timetable of urgent steps to implement Security Council resolutions 822 (1993) and 853 (1993)".

With regard to the Republic of Armenia's never-ending aggression against the Azerbaijani Republic, I request the Security Council to take the strongest measures in order to put a halt to the seizure of new areas and settlements in Azerbaijan.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated immediately as a document of the Security Council.

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